

Guide to Online Game Check – Wild Turkey

This tutorial will guide you through the process of using the **MassFishHunt** system to check your turkey online. Please take a few minutes and read through this guide before beginning.

To check a harvested turkey online, there are a few, but very important pieces of information needed. Required information (depending on season) may include: town of harvest, date of harvest, and the bird's sex, beard and spur lengths, and tail fan shape, the color of the breast feathers, and wing tip shape. In addition, optional data questions will include: bird weight, type of hunting equipment used, and the Wildlife Management Zone where the bird was harvested.

Remember the harvest tag must remain attached to the turkey throughout this process. After the completion of the online game check, a confirmation number will be generated that must be written on the harvest tag. All successful hunters must check their harvested turkey within 48 hours either online through the **MassFishHunt** system or at a traditional check station. NOTE: You must check your harvested bird BEFORE you process the bird for food or taxidermy purposes. Please use care when entering information on the harvested turkey into the **MassFishHunt** system, **particularly the date of harvest**. Please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) during business hours at 508-389-6300 if you have issues checking your turkey online.

1) To start, go to the official **MassFishHunt** webpage by clicking below, or copy and paste the following link into your webbrowser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) to reach the official **MassFishHunt** webpage.

<http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt>

The screenshot shows the Mass.gov website. At the top is a green navigation bar with links for State Offices & Courts, State A-Z Topics, State Forms, No Active Alerts, and Skip to main content. Below this is the header for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, featuring the state seal, the text 'Energy and Environmental Affairs', a search bar, and a dropdown menu set to 'in Energy & Environment'. A horizontal menu lists various departments: Agriculture, Energy & Utilities, Environmental Protection, Fisheries, Wildlife & Habitats, Water & Climate Change, Recreation & Conservation, and Services & Assistance. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Department of Fish & Game > Licensing Information'. The main heading is 'MassFishHunt Licensing Information', followed by a paragraph about finding information on saltwater and freshwater fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. A red box highlights a yellow button with the text 'Enter MassFishHunt'. To the left of this button is a 'Licensing Info' sidebar with links: Licensing Information, Who Needs a License?, License Types and Fees, Where to Buy a License, Licensing Help, and Licensing FAQs. To the right is a 'Freshwater Fishing' section with a photo of a couple in a canoe, the title 'Freshwater Fishing', the subtitle 'Couple fishing on a Massachusetts lake from a canoe', a pagination bar with numbers 1 through 5 (4 is selected) and a 'Learn More' link. Further down is an 'Online Purchase Requirements' section with text about purchasing licenses online. On the far right, there are two sidebars: 'Related Topics' with links like Game Check Information and Antlerless Deer Permit Update, and 'Department of Fish and Game' with links like Department Home and Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Click the **[Enter MassFishHunt]** button shown above.

2) To enter the **MassFishHunt** system, enter your **Last Name** and **Customer ID** number from your hunting/sporting license or turkey permit in the appropriate field and click **NEXT**. Your Customer ID number can be found in the top left corner of your hunting/sporting license or turkey permit, and in the top left corner of the harvest tag.

Welcome to the MassFishHunt Licensing system.

To maintain complete and accurate information, we need to know whether you are a new or existing customer. Please use one of the options below to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Search by Customer ID

If you know your Customer ID, enter the required information and click next.

Last Name:* Customer ID:*

Search by Personal Information (NEW Customers, please use this option)

If you cannot provide the information requested above, or if you are a NEW customer, please use this option to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Last Name:* Date Of Birth:*
MM/DD/YYYY

Plus at least one of the items below:

First Name: Postal Code:

Note: Asterisk (*) denotes required information.

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3) Once logged into the **MassFishHunt** system you can begin your online turkey check; click on the **REPORT A HARVEST** button.

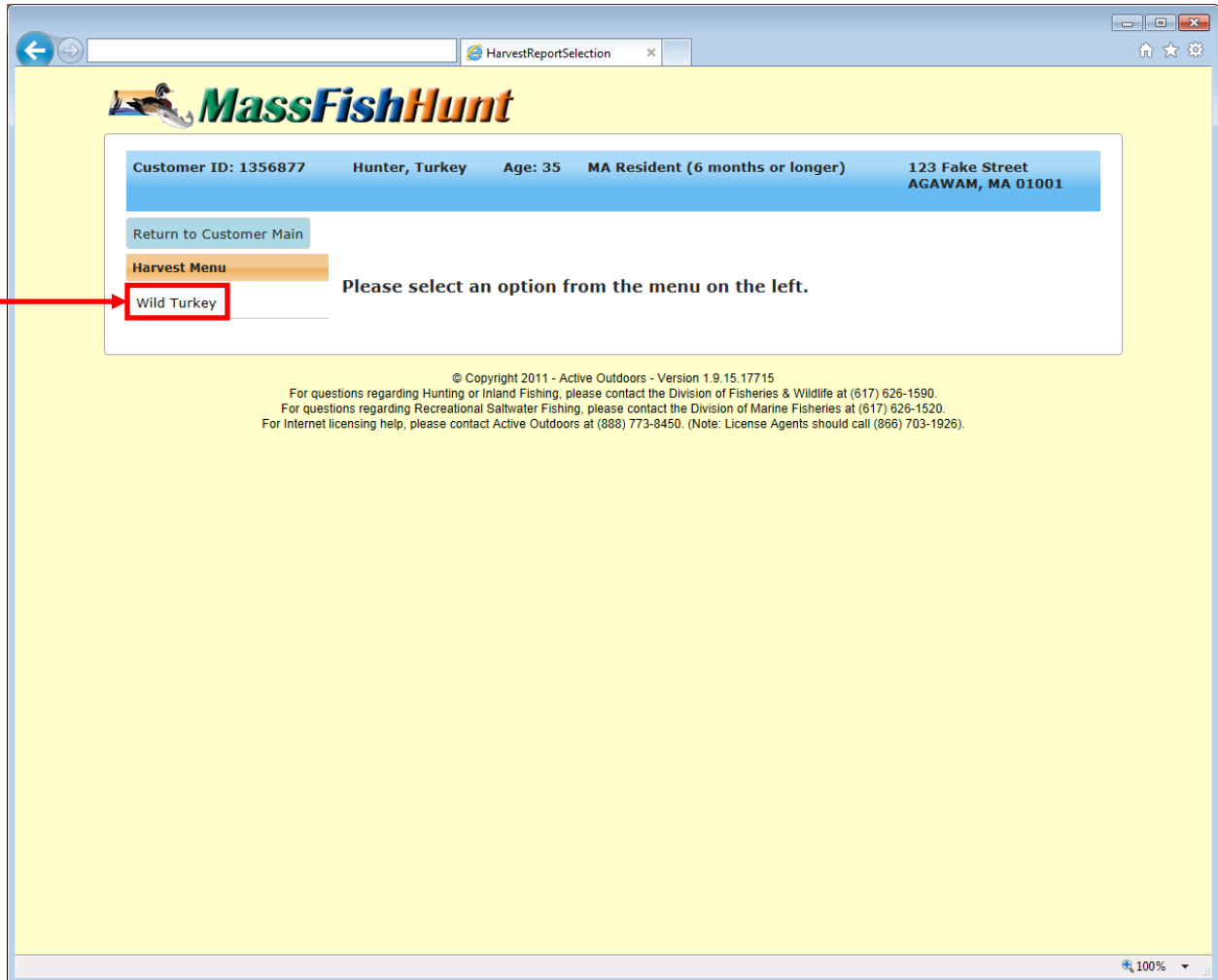
The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt web application interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows 'Customer Main'. The page header includes the MassFishHunt logo and the text 'Logged in User: dscarpitti'. A navigation bar contains links: Log out, Customer Search, Messages, Reporting, Customer Main Menu, User Management, Change Password, and User Guide Help.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains the 'Customer Profile Summary' section, which includes fields for Customer ID (1356877), Last Name (Hunter), First Name (Turkey), Middle Initial, Date of Birth (1/1/1978), Citizenship (US Citizen), Residency (Resident), and Residency Date. Below this are sections for 'Residence Address' (123 Fake Street, AGAWAM, MA 01001), 'Mailing Address' (123 Fake Street, AGAWAM, MA 01001), 'Hunter Education Records' (Basic), and 'Optional Information' (Gender: Male, Hair: Black, Eyes: Black, Height: 5 8, Weight: 165, Email:).

The right column contains the 'Customer Menu' section with links: Edit Customer Information, License Inventory / Reprint, Privacy Policy, and Exit. Below the menu is a red text block: 'The customer swears under the pains and penalties of perjury that the personal information provided is accurate. The customer also understands that including false information in this application is against the law. Click the 'Enter Sales' button to acknowledge the customer's affirmation regarding the above statements and to make a purchase'.

At the bottom of the main content area, there are two buttons: 'Enter Sales' and 'Report a Harvest'. A red arrow points from the left side of the page to the 'Report a Harvest' button. The footer contains copyright information: '© Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.9.15.17715' and contact information for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

4) Click the **WILD TURKEY** option on the left side under **HARVEST MENU**. This fall, you will see options in this area to check your harvested deer, turkey, or bear during their respective seasons.



5) You are now ready to begin your online game check for a harvested wild turkey in the spring season. Click the **ADD** button.

The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt web application. The header includes the logo and user information: Customer ID: 1356877, Hunter, Turkey, Age: 35, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and address: 123 Fake Street, AGAWAM, MA 01001. Below the header is a 'Return to Customer Main' button. The main content area features a table with columns: Harvest Menu, Year, Item Name, and Help. The table has one row: Wild Turkey, 2013, Spring Turkey. The 'Add' button is highlighted with a red box, and the 'Spring Turkey' item name is also highlighted with a red box. A red line connects the 'Add' button to the 'Spring Turkey' item name. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: © Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.9.15.17715. For questions regarding Hunting or Inland Fishing, please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (617) 626-1590. For questions regarding Recreational Saltwater Fishing, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520. For internet licensing help, please contact Active Outdoors at (888) 773-8450. (Note: License Agents should call (866) 703-1926).

Harvest Menu	Year	Item Name	Help
Wild Turkey	2013	Spring Turkey	

During the fall hunting season, under item name it will be listed as Fall Turkey provided that the hunter did not harvest an annual limit of 2 turkeys in the spring season. If a hunter did harvest 2 turkeys during the spring season, there will not be the option to click the ADD button.

6) The **WILD TURKEY HARVEST REPORT** consists of a series of questions, many of which are multiple-choice. Optional questions are noted. For some of these questions, you will need to examine your harvested turkey. Some questions are only asked during the fall season, such as wing tip shape or breast feather color. Your responses to these questions provide DFW biologists important information used to evaluate and manage the statewide turkey population. Please take a few minutes and answer each question accurately. Simply click in the box to the right of each question and enter or click on the appropriate response.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Customer Harvest Report". The page features the "MassFishHunt" logo and a header bar with user information: "Customer ID: 1356877", "Hunter, Turkey", "Age: 35", "MA Resident (6 months or longer)", and "123 Fake Street AGAWAM, MA 01001". Below this, a section titled "2013 - Spring Turkey" contains a list of 10 questions. Questions 1 through 5 are required, while 6 through 10 are optional. The form includes various input types: text boxes for town, date, and comments; a dropdown for sex; and dropdown menus for spur length and beard length. A red arrow points to the beard length dropdown, which is currently open, showing options: "Greater than 6 inches", "[Select One]", "Greater than 6 inches", "Less than 6 inches", and "[Select One]". The "Greater than 6 inches" option is highlighted. At the bottom of the form are "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons. A copyright notice and contact information for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife are at the very bottom.

Customer ID: 1356877 Hunter, Turkey Age: 35 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 123 Fake Street
AGAWAM, MA 01001

2013 - Spring Turkey

- 1 . In which town did you harvest the turkey? West Boylston ?
- 2 . What was the date of harvest? 04/29/2013 ?
- 3 . What is the sex of the turkey? Male ?
- 4 . What is the length of the spur? Greater than 0.5 inch ?
- 5 . What is the length of the beard? Greater than 6 inches ?
[Select One]
Greater than 6 inches
Less than 6 inches
[Select One]
- 6 . *OPTIONAL* In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey? ?
- 7 . *OPTIONAL* What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey? ?
- 8 . *OPTIONAL* What is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey? ?
- 9 . *OPTIONAL* Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey? [Select One] ?
- 10 . *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments: ?

Cancel Submit

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6a) You can click on the blue question marks to the right of each question for additional information to help answer each question.

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AGAWAM, MA 01001

2013 - Spring Turkey

1 . In which town did you harvest the turkey? West Boylston ?

2 . What was the date of harvest? 04/29/2013 ?

3 . What is the sex of the turkey? Male ?

4 . What is the length of the spur? Greater than 0.5 inch ?

5 . What is the length of the beard? Greater than 6 inches ?

6 . *OPTIONAL* In which Wildlife Management WMZ 9 ?

7 . *OPTIONAL* What hunting equipment did you use? Shotgun ?

8 . *OPTIONAL* What is the weight (in pounds)? 21 ?

9 . *OPTIONAL* Is the submitted weight from a Ungutted ?

10 . *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments ?

Help

See page 35 in the hunting guide or website for information on how to determine the sex of the bird.

Close

Cancel Submit

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6b) You may need to carefully examine or measure parts of you bird to accurately answer some questions. To help provide accurate information see the images below. Keep in mind that taking **bearded** hens is **LEGAL** during the spring season, but these birds will not have noticeable leg spurs. During the fall season, a turkey of either sex may be harvested.

Spurs

SPUR



Place ruler against leg at base of spur and record length of spur to nearest 1/8 of an inch.



ADULT spurs are generally longer than 1/2".



JUVENILE spurs are generally shorter than 1/2".

Beards

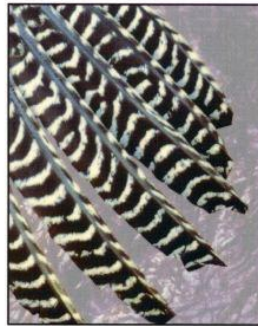


Measure the beard from the point of attachment to end of beard.



ADULT beards are generally longer than 6".

Wing tips



ADULTS have rounded feathers with white barring on tip.



JUVENILES have narrow pointed feathers with no white bars on the last 2 inches.

Breast feathers (legs of juveniles will be similar, look at new feathers coming in.)



MALES - Black tipped.



FEMALES

Brown/buffed tipped

7) Once you have completed answering all questions, click the **SUBMIT** button (NOTE: not all fields are required). You will have a chance to edit your responses before they are finalized, but please double-check to ensure that all required fields are accurately entered.

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2013 - Spring Turkey

- 1 . In which town did you harvest the turkey? West Boylston
- 2 . What was the date of harvest? 04/29/2013
- 3 . What is the sex of the turkey? Male
- 4 . What is the length of the spur? Greater than 0.5 inch
- 5 . What is the length of the beard? Greater than 6 inches
- 6 . *OPTIONAL* In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey? WMZ 9
- 7 . *OPTIONAL* What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey? Shotgun
- 8 . *OPTIONAL* What is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey? 21
- 9 . *OPTIONAL* Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey? Ungutted
- 10 . *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments:

Cancel Submit

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<https://uat.ma.wildlifelicence.com/IS/HarvestReport/SubmitHarvestReport>

Please ensure that the date of harvest and all other fields are entered accurately.

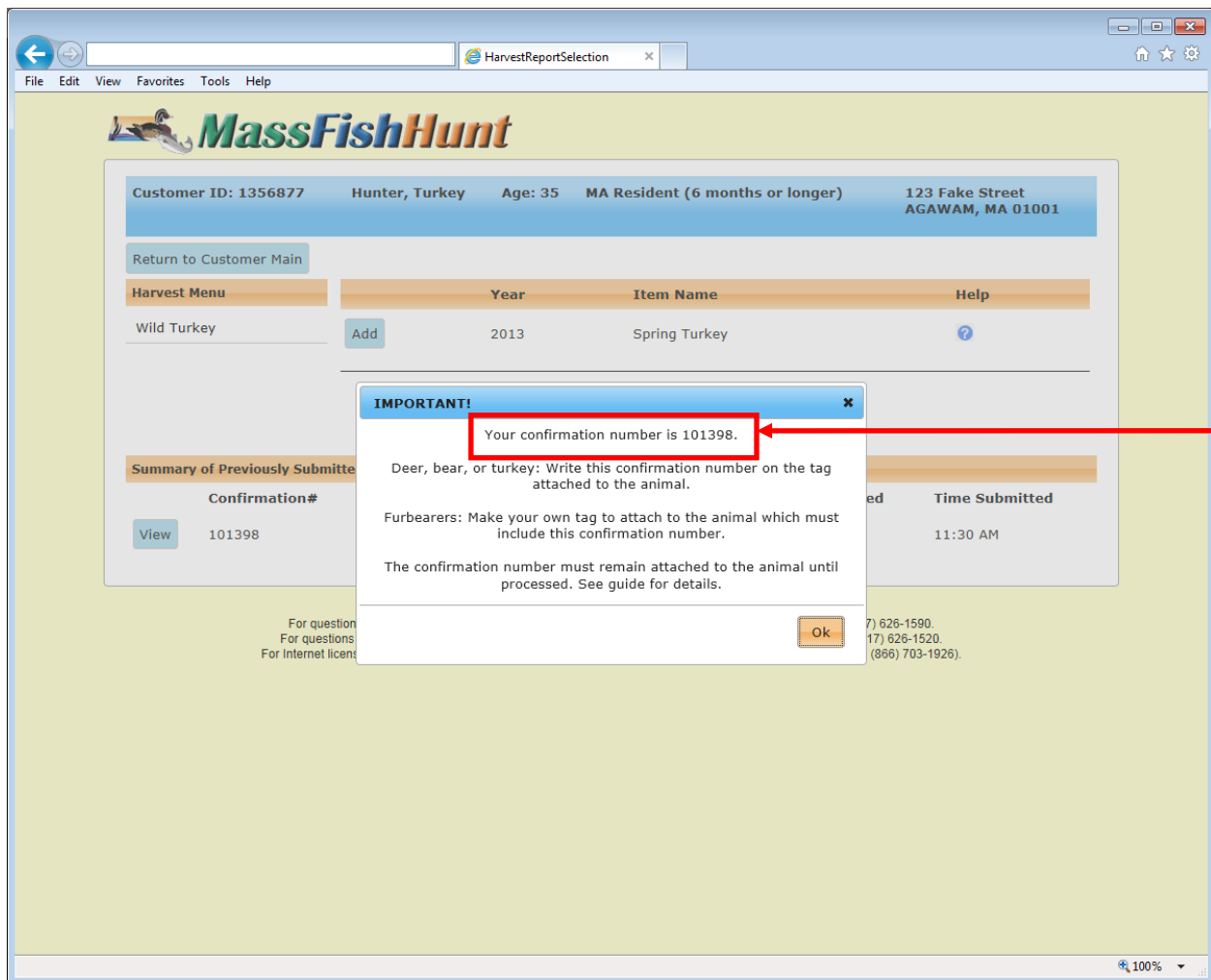
8) You will need to confirm the submission by clicking **YES** on the pop-up. Before doing so, **make sure all the information provided is accurate** as you will not be able to edit any information after clicking YES. If you need to edit any information, click **NO** and then change your entries. When finished proceed from step 7.

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1. In which town did you harvest the turkey? (West Boylston)
2. What was the date of harvest? (04/29/2013)
3. What is the sex of the turkey? (Male)
4. What is the length of the spur? (Greater than 0.5 inch)
5. What is the length of the beard? (Greater than 6 inches)
6. *OPTIONAL* In which Wildlife Management Area did you harvest the turkey? (WMZ 9)
7. *OPTIONAL* What hunting equipment did you use? (Shotgun)
8. *OPTIONAL* What is the weight (in pounds)? (21)
9. *OPTIONAL* Is the submitted weight from a scale? (Ungutted)
10. *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments.

A "Confirmation" pop-up window is overlaid on the form, asking: "Once reports are submitted, no changes may be made. Are you sure you want to submit?". The "Yes" button is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points from the instruction text above to this button. The "No" button is also visible. At the bottom of the form, there are "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons. The footer contains copyright information for Active Outdoors (2011) and contact details for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

9) After completing your online game check, a unique **CONFIRMATION NUMBER** will be generated. It is required that you **write this confirmation number on the harvest tag** (that should still be on the harvested turkey), where it shall remain until the turkey is processed for food or taxidermy purposes. Butchers or taxidermists should not accept turkeys without an official metal leg band/seal (turkey checked at a physical check station), or a harvest tag with a confirmation number (online game check).



Click on the **OK** button after you have recorded the confirmation number.

10) SPRING SEASON ONLY!!! A hunter can harvest up to 2 wild turkeys during the spring season, though no more than one may be harvested per day. Thus, to report the harvest of a second wild turkey, follow **steps 1-4** to log into **MassFishHunt**. Click **ADD** to start your second turkey online game check and repeat the data entry methods (steps 6-9) described above. **NO HUNTER MAY HARVEST MORE THAN 1 TURKEY DURING THE FALL SEASON.**

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Return to Customer Main

Year	Item Name	Help
2013	Spring Turkey	?

Print Submitted Harvest Report Summary

Confirmation#	Harvest Report Name	Town of Harvest	Date Submitted	Time Submitted
101398	2013 Spring Turkey	WEST BOYLSTON	04/29/2013	11:30 AM

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The **MassFishHunt** system will store the game you have checked online. To view the specific details of any one online harvest report, click the **VIEW** button.

11) After clicking **VIEW**, this is what your harvest report looks like. The **MassFishHunt** system will store your submitted game checks, you may print a copy of these submitted harvest reports at any time.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'ExistingHarvestReport'. The page features the 'MassFishHunt' logo at the top. Below the logo, a section titled '2013 Spring Turkey' contains a message: 'You may print this page for your records by clicking the **Print this Page** button.' followed by a 'Print this Page' button. A table lists ten questions about the harvest, with their corresponding answers. At the bottom of the table is a 'Confirmation Number' field. Below the table is a 'Return to Menu' button. At the very bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice and contact information for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and Active Outdoors.

2013 Spring Turkey	
You may print this page for your records by clicking the Print this Page button. Print this Page	
1. In which town did you harvest the turkey?:	WEST BOYLSTON
2. What was the date of harvest? :	04/29/2013
3. What is the sex of the turkey?:	Male
4. What is the length of the spur?:	Greater than 0.5 inch
5. What is the length of the beard?:	Greater than 6 inches
6. *OPTIONAL* In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey?:	WMZ 9
7. *OPTIONAL* What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey?:	Shotgun
8. *OPTIONAL* What is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey?:	21
9. *OPTIONAL* Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey? :	Ungutted
10. *OPTIONAL* Please list any additional comments::	
Confirmation Number	101398

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